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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
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Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 4775, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016 introduced by Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX).

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) 2015 Final National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone present significant challenges for manufacturers across the country. As ozone levels have improved steadily over the past four decades—33 percent lower levels today than in 1980—and with new investments coming online utilizing the best and cleanest technologies available, our nation's improving air quality continues to be a major success story. However, while modern manufacturing has evolved into a technology-driven industry, many of our environmental policies, such as the Ozone Rule, have failed to keep pace. EPA's new rule will cost the economy billions of dollars each year and, as testified to by state and local regulators at the April 14, 2016 Energy and Power Subcommittee Hearing, set targets that are unreachable in parts of the country due to a lack of flexibility within the regulation and high levels of background or naturally occurring ozone. This will mean additional barriers to new investments, manufacturing competitiveness and job growth. Manufacturers need Congress to step in and restore flexibility and reasonableness to this regulatory program.

H.R. 4775 would ensure continued air quality improvements across the country, while better aligning the EPA's regulatory requirements with the realities of the economy, technology and existing policies. Additionally, it would establish a more realistic ten-year review period for future ozone and other air quality

standards reviews, and allow for the EPA to consider whether a new air quality standard is technically feasible or not, before further revising it.

The NAM urges you to vote in support of H.R. 4775 to ensure continued air quality improvement while providing states and manufacturers with the flexibilities and tools necessary to comply with federal air quality standards in an environmentally and economically sustainable fashion.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee